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SECURITY INFORMANT - CUBA

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Re Miami airtel to the Bureau dated 10/25/63.

On January 7, 1964, MM 492-S advised he was in contact with NICHOLAS T. NONNENMACHER, Administrative Assistant to DONALD C. BRUCE, Representative from Indiana. On January 6, 1964, informant explained he met NONNENMACHER at the Skyways Motel, Room 328, Miami, after being formally introduced by JOSEPH MINTON, Deputy District Director, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Miami, who informed MM 492-S to cooperate fully with NONNENMACHER. Informant stated he believed the purpose of this meeting was to possibly have MM 492-S act as interpreter when Representative BRUCE may come to Miami, possibly during February, 1964, in connection with an investigation of the Cuban situation.

MM 492-S related NONNENMACHER stated he was associated with the House Un-American Activities Committee and had served in the Korean War where he suffered four years in a hospital from Communist activity. Informant explained that NONNENMACHER seemed pleased to learn that MM 492-S was not a "Batistiano", supporter of FULGENCIO BATISTA, former President of Cuba. He advised NONNENMACHER he had never been employed by the FBI or CIA, but told him he had been in close contact with the Legal Attache in Havana during World War II and later had been in contact with representatives of CIA.

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NONNENMACHER made inquiry as to whether or not MM 492-S had heard of "Operation Pluto", which NONNENMACHER described as Operation Playa Giron (ill-fated invasion of Cuba on April 17, 1961), to which the informant replied negatively. NONNENMACHER also asked if MM 492-S had any knowledge of "Operation Judas", of which the informant indicated he had no knowledge. NONNENMACHER then explained that "Operation Judas" was a plan for the assassination of FIDEL CASTRO and the taking over of the Cuban Government by new leadership with HUBERT MATOS as the new head. The new government, according to NONNENMACHER, also included MANUEL RAY as a prominent leader and ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO as Chief of the Army. NONNENMACHER explained that this plan would operate in accord with an internal uprising in Cuba and asked MM 492-S what he thought of such a plan. Informant indicated that he believed such a plan would not be successful and was probably impossible, pointing out that MATOS was currently in prison in the Isle of Pines and merely a number. GUTIERREZ MENOYO had been a traitor too many times, recalling the "Trinidad Affair" involving WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN. He explained that too many people had been killed involving plans connected with GUTIERREZ MENOYO. He further stated he did not believe there were many Cubans who would trust MANUEL RAY. Lastly, he stated because of the strict police state which Cuba is today, individuals inside Cuba are unable to move from house to house without having a report prepared on their movements by the Block Defense Committee.

NONNENMACHER asked MM 492-S if he knew whether many Cubans were leaving the United States for Latin America for preparation of an invasion of Cuba, to which the informant replied negatively. NONNENMACHER indicated many Cubans were in Costa Rica, Guatemala and Nicaragua training for a possible future invasion of Cuba.

NONNENMACHER asked the informant about FULGENCIO BATISTA and whether or not he knew if BATISTA had any plans to engage in any anti-FIDEL CASTRO activity. He also asked about EMILIO NUNEZ PORTUONDO, JORGE GARCIA MONTES, and GUILLERMO BELT. Informant related he did not believe BATISTA had any plans for the future; although, he could not be certain of this. He described BATISTA as a ghost in the minds of a few followers and noted that BATISTA had not undertaken any positive action against Cuba or CASTRO. Informant described NUNEZ PORTUONDO, GARCIA MONTES and BELT as pro-American, but did not believe they had any real following currently.

NONNENMACHER also asked MM 492-S what he thought of MANUEL RAY, ARMANDO FLEITES, MAX LESNIK, and ELOY GUTIERREZ MENOYO, to which the informant responded that he agreed with NONNENMACHER that they were "pinks", and could not be trusted. NONNENMACHER asked the informant if he was familiar with "Replica", which he described as a publication printed under the auspices of CIA. MM 492-S stated he had read "Replica" but had no knowledge it was published by CIA and also advised NONNENMACHER he did not know how much money had gone into the publication or the extent of its distribution.

Concerning "Commandos L", the informant related he believes many of its members were performing actions against the CASTRO regime in good faith and not merely for the publicity.

MM 492-S advised that he had no objection and would be willing to confer with and possibly act as an interpreter for a U. S. Congressional committee if so requested by the committee officially through INS.

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UACB, MM 492-S may act as interpreter if so requested by the committee. The Bureau will be kept informed.

The Bureau is requested to advise if they have any information concerning "Operation Judas", mentioned above.

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